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ABSTRACT

~~In the present invention, w~~When there is a change in a group of volumes managed by a host computer, data duplication processing is immediately carried out against the changed volume. The host computer ~~10 comprises~~ includes a volume-managing portion ~~(unit) 12~~, a data duplication-controlling portion ~~(unit) 11~~ which executes the data duplication of ~~the data stored in the a volume 32 in the a main data center 3,~~ and a data duplication storing portion ~~(unit) 13~~ which stores data necessary for the data duplication. The data duplication-controlling portion ~~11~~ compares data held by the volume-managing portion ~~12~~ and with the data in the data duplication storing portion ~~13~~, and updates the data in the data duplication storing portion ~~13~~ based on the data held by the volume-managing portion ~~12~~.